Government has taken steps for amending various procedural laws from time to time to simplify procedures to speed up disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies, like the Law Commission, Malimath Committee etc. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 and the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000 are pending consideration of Parliament.

Other measures, *inter alia,* include increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, establishment of Special Courts/ Tribunals, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates, computerisation of courts and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.

Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 502.90 crore for creation of 1734 Fast Track Courts for expeditious disposal of long pending sessions cases and cases involving undertrials on priority. So far 459 Fast Track Courts have been set up in various States.

A pilot project for the computerisation and networking of all courts in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai is being taken up in the year 2001-02 to serve as a model for other courts in the country.

(c) Judicial Reforms is a continuous process. Hence, no specific time frame can be fixed for the implementation of the same.

Recommendation of Law Commission Relating to Political Parties

2364. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has made a recommendation for regulating the formation, functioning and organization of political parties by law; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons advanced by the Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Law Commission of India, in its 170th Report on Reform of the Electoral Laws has recommended insertion of new Part-ll A titled 'Organisation of Political Parties and matters incidental thereto' in the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

(b) The report has already been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 28.10.1999.

High Level Committee to review MRTP act, 1969

2365. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Level Committee to review the MRTP Act, 1969 was set up;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted the Report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present position of pending cases in the MRTP Commission as on date?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JATTLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee had recommended that the Government should formulate a Competition Policy and implement the same through a new law (the Competition act). After considering the recommendations the Government has introduced the Competition Bill, 2001 in the Parliament on 6th August, 2001.

(d) The present position of pending cases in the MRTP Commission as on 31.7.2001 is as under :—

Enquiries on 31.7.2001	No. of Cases Pending as
Restrictive Trade Practices Enquires (RTPE)	1370
Unfair Trade Practices Enquiries (UTPE)	1302
Monopolistic Trade Practices Enquiries (MTPE)	9
Compensation Applications	2240
Interim Relief Applications	405
TOTAL:	5326